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## ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Clan McKenzie Run Down by the Steamer Oregon.

## TWO SEAMEN INSTANTLY KILLED.

An Indian Hanged in Arizona--Injured by a Blast--A Wood-chopper Drowned.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.)

## CLEARING WEATHER.

Southern California Cut Off From the Rest of the State.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27th.—The break on the narrow-gauge line has been repaired, and mail to all points south of Wrights on that line will be forwarded after to-day.

No mail for the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and San Orange are being forwarded from this city owing to the break on the Southern Pacific line.

The force of the storm was seriously felt at Valjeo Junction, and the heavy rains so thoroughly soaked the sloping hills that slides are still occurring. Nearly 200 men are busy at work all the time, keeping the falling dirt from encroaching upon the sides and roads, and saving them from sliding by the use of blasting powder.

A dirt train is constantly at work and track-walkers are employed day and night, ready to stop the trains coming in either direction at a moment's notice. Precaution is taken to maintain a clear pass-way through the two tunnels, one of which is at the Junction, and on this "heat" the track-walkers have special instructions, and the trains pass through them at a very slow rate.

It was thought that tunnel No. 1, which is braced up with heavy timbers, would hardly be able to stand the wet mass over head, but the tunnel is safe, and the water is off the floor through the track.

Owing to washouts on the Southern Pacific lines, the mail for the Gulf States and Arizona and New Mexico, which usually goes by the Southern Pacific, will, until several washouts are repaired, go by the Central.

No mail service has been had on the Pacific Coast Railroad between Port Harford and Los Olivos for two days, on account of several washouts.

Lodging butchers are complaining of long-delayed consignments of beef because of the storm, and a marked increase in prices of all kinds of meat is said to be imminent in the future.

It has been suggested that storage reservoirs be constructed in the mountains, from which water could be taken in the summer for irrigating purposes. These might lessen to a limited extent the amount flowing to the rivers, but it would be hard to prove that there is not a sufficient system of reservoirs which could be safely dammed and which would retain one-tenth of the floods of this winter. Storage reservoirs, useful as they may be for irrigation purposes, cannot be estimated as either a safe or potent agency in the relief of river floods.

There is more snow on the mountains in Northern California at present than we have had for a number of winters past, and if the same average is maintained the balance of the season, there is likely to be more than ever before known, as least as far as the knowledge of the Caucasian race extends. The snow in the mountain regions is likely to last until late in the summer of the next east peaks, and will not be melted away from many of the high gulches before June.

LOS ANGELES, December 27th.—In Cajon Pass, north of San Bernardino, things are in a horrible shape. A heavy cut is filled for 300 feet at each end, and between the fills the track is cut in two. Weighted feet of sand. East of Colton, the Southern Pacific track is all right, except one span of the Santa Ana river bridge, which is being repaired. Yesterday the Southern Pacific passengers on Tuesday's train were brought to El Monte from Colton and taken across the San Gabriel river in boats from El Monte to the bridge, which is now out. The motor power being a hand-car. The condition of the Southern Pacific track in Soledad Canyon is such that repairs cannot be completed for a week. The line is open as far as South Siding, but two miles south of there the track is gone, together with the bridge across the San Joaquin. Six hundred men are at work in the canyon.

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ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

PORTLAND, December 27th.—The Clan McKenzie, on the way to Portland in ballast, anchored in the Columbia River, off Cowlitz Rock, forty-seven miles inland from Astoria. The Oregon left Portland at midnight on her way to Astoria hence to San Francisco, and struck the Clan McKenzie on the starboard bow, smashing through the iron side of the ship and killing two colored sailors in their bunks. The forward and stern bunks in which the sailors were sleeping, cut the two men in halves. They were struck at the waist, and the upper part of each body dropped into the river below and sank. Charles Fish, a passenger of the Oregon, was injured, but not fatally. A sailor of the Clan McKenzie was badly injured, but was able to get ashore. A member of the Clan's crew said that as soon as the two men were cut their blood flew in every direction, bespattering the walls and broken timbers. Then the water began to pour in.

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## FARM AND ORCHARD.

HOW FUNGUS DISEASES ARE PROPAGATED AND PLANTS ATTACKED.

Hints on Preparing Turkeys for Market  
—Fixing the Proportion of Solids in Milk—Notes.

As nearly all the diseases of vegetables are due to living organisms called fungi, something in regard to them will not be out of place. Many valuable experiments have been made in order to determine the nature and characteristics of the various forms of fungi which prey on both the living and dead plants, chief among which being those of Professor Humphrey, of the Massachusetts Experiment Station, who describes the difference between plants and fungi by stating that plants perform their various functions by distinct organs, such as leaves, roots, etc., while fungi perform their functions with the whole plant-body, which need no variety of organs.

The plant-body of fungi consists of numerous simple, branching white threads, which spread over or through the substances on which the growth is made. These threads are known as the mycelium of the fungus. No flowers are produced by fungi, but they are propagated by spores, which are produced on reproductive threads, and are so small and light they can be carried any distance by winds or insects. To prevent the spread of fungi, therefore, the work must never be delayed, but commence with the opening of the season. The use of compounds destructive to fungi and its spores should really begin before any signs of attack can be noticed, especially if the vegetables were attacked the year previous. It seems possible, however, that plants may be fortified against attack by vigorous growth, induced by the use of fertilizers, which may introduce into the plants substances which render them less susceptible to the influences of the fungi, or, rather, render the plant less congenial as a soil for the growth of the spores.

Why fungi does not exist independently is because they cannot elaborate their own food material, and must subsist on plants, as plants, through the agency of the leaves, roots, etc., provide the food desired by the fungi. The available sources of supply fall under two heads—the living organism and the dead organic matter; hence, certain kinds of fungi subsist on living plants and others on dead matter. The latter belong to this class of molds, toads-ticks and such like. The other lives on the growing plants and robs them of substance and vitality. They are classified as parasites. There are various forms of fungi, many of which confine their operations to certain varieties of plants, and the mildews come under this class. Though closely related, the milderw of the lettuce does not attack the onion, owing to the remote relationship of the plants attacked. Farmers should study the fungi and make themselves acquainted with the nature of each kind. If they are unable to classify the fungi, they can at least experiment with remedies and modes of cultivation, not only for the purpose of lessening the ravages, but to exterminate the foe.

## SHIPPING DRESSED POULTRY.

First see that all poultry is well fattened, as there is a great difference between the size of fat and that of poor poultry, and, in a fully stocked market, good poultry, well fattened and well dressed, will always command ready sale, and good prices, while poor, badly dressed, is slow of sale at low prices. Therefore there is not only gain in weight by having poultry properly dressed, but also in price. Farmers should study the fungi and make themselves acquainted with the nature of each kind. If they are unable to classify the fungi, they can at least experiment with remedies and modes of cultivation, not only for the purpose of lessening the ravages, but to exterminate the foe.

## How to Ship Dressed Poultry.

The old idea that young cattle and colts must winter at straw stacks in open fields to make them tough, happily has gone, much to the comfort of the young animals.

The more the peach trees are cut back when young the more stocky will be the trunks and branches. The very tall trees are also more roughly shaken by the winds.

House plants should have as much sun and light during the winter months as possible; admit air whenever the temperature is not too cold, say 40° Fahrenheit in the open air.

A turkey can be made very fat in ten days by liberal feeding. Turkey will not fatten if confined to crops, but they may be kept in a small yard provided they are given a variety of food.

## Do not throw the cornstalks away, but pass them through a cutter and use them in the manure heap as absorbents, so as to allow them to quickly decompose. If they are tender, cut them and feed them to stock.

The housewife who makes a practice of giving fowls a mixed mess of warm meat and vegetables, with scraps of meat and crumbs of bread, will quickly discover that it is superior to an exclusive diet of grain for poultry.

The leaves of house plants should be kept clean, and frequently sprinkled with water or washed with a plant sprayer; this not only keeps off the insects, but clears the leaves of dust and opens up the breathing pores.

The injury to seed corn in winter is not due so much by exposure to extreme cold as to the corn not being perfectly dry. Seed corn should be kept in a dry place, where dampness cannot reach it, and the cold will then have but little effect on it.

There are at the present time in Germany upward of 600 co-operative creameries. Of this number 302 are situated in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, where they are chiefly engaged in preparing butter for export to the English market.

One advantage with currants is that if they are kept properly pruned, the old wood cut out, the weeds kept down and the soil rich by the application of fertilizers, the plants will grow and bear fruit for twenty-five years without replanting.

As a general rule, for the hatching of chickens 22 days are needed; for pheasants, 24 days; for pheasants, 25 days; for guinea fowls, 25 days; for common fowls, 22 days; for peacock fowls, 28 days; for turkeys, 28 days; for barberry ducks, 30 days, and for geese, 30 days.

Pigeons are fond of all the seeds given to cage birds, such as millet, canary and hemp seed, but they are too dear for general use, though they may be profitably given as an occasional treat. Hemp seed is very stimulating, and should be seldom given to pigeons in close confinement.

As soon as the leaves have fallen it is pay to go over the orchard and look out for the tent caterpillar. By picking off the clusters of eggs that usually can be seen after this time and throw this pest may be easily got rid of. So far as possible this work should be done.

Another problem to deal with is that the solids are uniform in the relative proportions of fat, casein, etc., and the value of the solids depend upon the preferences of the buyers. The fat in the milk is the portion that gives the greatest value, yet the purchase, while being guarded in securing the proper proportion of solids, may receive all that he expected and yet not receive milk as rich in cream as his neighbor who procured milk containing the same proportion of solid matter. While it may be the case that milk is fully up to all the requirements of the law, yet the purchase will be no wiser than before. In fact, even the dairyman cannot guarantee a certain grade of milk daily, as its quality is not fully within his control. To estimate milk by the relative proportions of solids and liquids does not regulate its quality, for milk is too variable in its composition, while the characteristics of each cow affect the product. Milk can be watered through the agency of the cow as well as at the pump.

That portion of the milk—the cream—

which is the most valuable in market is really not so valuable as the casein, so far as the object of the consumption of milk is concerned. A quart of skim milk contains a larger proportion of the nutritive elements than an equal quart of cream, as cream is almost entirely heat-providing and fat forming, while the elements of growth, nitrogen, phosphoric acid and mineral matter, is contained in the skim milk. The production of one quart of skim milk takes from the soil a larger amount of fertility than many times the same quantity of cream. The real richest milk is that containing the nitrogen and mineral matter, but consumers gauge the quality by the proportion of cream, which is the least expensive article in the milk. There is probably no known method of protection other than to endeavor to patronize those who keep choice stock, for it is to the kind of cows that one must look for the quality of the milk.

## RAISE YOUR OWN COWS.

Half a dozen good cows are worth a dozen poor ones. It takes as much food and care to keep a poor cow as it does a good one, and while the former barely returns enough to "pay her way," the latter returns a comfortable profit to her owner. Those farmers who are looking around for really good cows know how difficult it is to buy one when it is at a price that will afford to pay. Yet they can easily "keep looking for" several years, when you might in the same time have raised several choice cows themselves. Of course it takes some time to raise a good-sized herd of profitable cows, but this expenditure of time is only in lieu of the money expenditure absolutely necessary to purchase a desirable animal. As a farmer usually can spare the time better than he can spare the cash, it is easy to see what course to pursue. There are few farmers who do not have at least one two or three cows fairly good, which can be used as a start in improvement. Do not use a scrub bull merely because your neighbor happens to have him and charges nothing, but rather pay a fair price for a good, pure-bred one. Save all the heifer calves and carefully raise them. When they are about three years old and less than four years from the time the improvement is started, you will have fine cows. Other calves will also come from the original cows, and in five or six years there will be quite a herd of the common, unprofitable cows having been worked off to the owner. Many a farmer wishes he had commenced five or six years ago. He does not think that he will likely say the same thing five or six years hence, yet does not commence now. Good, pure-bred bulls have now come to be so well distributed that the use of one can usually be secured without much difficulty, while a good bull calf can be had from such stock easily to entry, for a comparatively low price. Enough can, as a rule, be bought on credit, and it should be daily performed if choice butter is to be produced and the highest prices obtained.

pasture, it permitted grazing in any part of the field.

Don't use any hogs for breeding purposes except those that show evidence in form, disposition and breed of incitement only, maturity. Hogs are raised only for their flesh, and the fewest days it takes a pig to accumulate enough to be of any marketable size the more profitable it is for its owner.

When planting a young tree leave very little wood. Cut back as much as possible. By so doing the roots will be better able to provide nourishment in the beginning. Many young trees die because there are not enough roots to feed the surplus wood that was allowed to remain on the young tree when it was planted.

Study to make manure—keep such a class as farm animals as will best convert all coarse fodder, with the least amount of grain, into manure. Would it not be more profitable to feed out that hay, stalk or straw stack than to sell it? In computing the value of barnyard manure few take into consideration the humus matter, which most farms need as badly as the chemical ingredients.

No person can engage in the artificial hatching of chicks for early broilers unless he keeps sufficient hens to provide eggs for that purpose. One of the greatest difficulties encountered with broiler establishments is procuring eggs that will hatch. Laying in the winter season is unnatural with hens, and to collect eggs from all sources is to incur the risk of a lack of fertility of the eggs.

Either red clover or orchard grass, or a mixture of both, is the best for seedling down the orchard. But before this is done care should be taken to see that the soil is properly manured, that the trees are making strong, vigorous growth, and that the soil is in proper condition for seedling down. Many orchards are seriously injured by seedling to grass before the trees have made a sufficient growth.—*Western Plowman.*

Beet seed is easily grown, and every gardener who is desirous of fine beets should raise his own seed, carefully selecting medium-sized roots having the characteristics most desired. These should be preserved in sand, carefully set out as early in the spring as possible, and the seed stems supported as they grow by small stakes and strings. A dozen beets will produce a pound or more of ripe seed.— *Rural New Yorker.*

The stables and stalls should be cleaned early in the morning, which exposes the floors of the air, thus aiding in ventilation. A properly-cleaned stable is one that permits persons to walk within without the liability of coming in contact with filth of any kind. Even the odors should not be detected. To do this may require more work than some are willing to bestow, but good dairying is the expense of labor and it should be daily performed if choice butter is to be produced and the highest prices obtained.

## THE DIFFERENCE.

What tho' she be a paragon,  
By grace attainted;  
What tho' she be a damsel dowered  
By heaven with beauty splendiferous?

What tho' she be the prodigy  
Of purity and patience;  
And sheeke a ministrant  
Unplucked by poor relations?

What tho' she be a miracle  
Of loveliness and learning,  
The undisputed cynosure  
To which all eyes are turning?

What tho' she be a creation  
Of Nature's own, above her,  
So long as I don't love her?

What tho' she be a modest maid,  
With not a pretty feature;  
Aye, and sheeke a coward, shy  
And homely little creature?

What tho' she have a freckled face?  
What tho' folks call her stupid,  
And say she'd be the very last  
Of last?

What tho' she be a creature of spun,  
With a head of silk or satin?  
What tho' she's ignorant of Greek,  
And knows no more of Latin?

What tho' forever to the wall  
Her fairer sisters shew her.  
She is the flower of all the earth  
To me, if I but love her.

## FEEDING A HEROINE.

How a Printer's Generous Nature Cost His Position.

A Chicago printer was busily engaged in hunting work, tells the *Times* of that city, "I had a good job," he said, in a Monroe-street print shop—one of those print-shops where they publish stories of the *Skeleton Hunter's Last Gurgling Gasp!* order by the cord. It is the rankest kind of rot, and is liable to give a printer blood-poisoning if he handles much of it. One day I got a wad of copy that was positively sickening. It was about a lovely girl who had been captured and torn from her home by a heartless white desperado and his band of bloodthirsty Apaches.

"That night they camped in a rocky gorge 200 miles from nowhere, and bound the unfortunate maiden to a tree with the usual buckskin thongs, which cut deep into her tender wrists. Then they all laid down and went to sleep. In the meantime Zeke, a hairy Scout, who had been tracking us just at daylight, when people sleep the soundest, Zeke sauted and killed twenty-five or thirty Indians, and then released the girl and got her something to eat out of his saddle-bags. This was where I got in my work.

"The first thing Zeke took out of the bags was several thick slices of Vienna bread with honey on them. Next came cold boiled ham, cut thin, an apple pie with a short, crispy upper crust, and last a tender spring chicken roasted a delicate brown.

"Mind you, he had all this stuff in a pair of saddle-bags in the wilds of the Rocky Mountains, 300 miles from civilization, in the year 1838. It made me sick, but I resolved that the poor girl should have one good feed if I died for it. So I showed in another paragraph like this, completing the bill of fare:

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"Did it go?" asked an interested listener.

"No, it didn't," said the printer, sadly, "but I did. The boss came to me next morning with a poor slip and wanted to know who was writing that story. I said the author was making a stagger in that direction, but wasn't giving the girl a fair show."

"That may be," said the boss, "but if we want to run a race in connection with the story we'll hire a cook and make it easier for you!"

Then he told me that I was too smart to be a printer and had better go out where the cool air would strike me. I went!"

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## BARGAIN HUNTERS.

WOMEN WHO SPEND TIME AND MONEY IN THE SEARCH.

How Bargain Counters Are Stocked to Meet the Demand—“Bankrupt” Goods.

For the average woman the suggestion of a bargain has an irresistible attraction. Men are to a less extent affected by this fashion, although even among them there are a few bargain hunters in their way. But there are hundreds upon hundreds of women in a city who, barring the butcher, the grocer, and the coal man, never pretend to patronize anyone who does not offer them a bargain. These women haunt the stores that advertise “bargains,” “mark-down sales,” “bankrupt stocks,” and crowd the auction rooms, following the business with almost the feverish anxiety that characterizes the gambler at the faro table.

That there are bargains to be secured at the dry goods stores which are most conspicuous in their advertising to this passion on the part of lovely woman is quite true; but it is the initiated that have the best profit most by them. There are, of course, genuine bargains to be had Monday, who lived in that town, hanged himself on account of the fall of grain prices. Oliver says the story comes from the cobbler supposed to be the author of the poem. Seven were sent to the Protector on that occasion, but he was pleased with none of them. At length a poor cobbler sent him the following, which was approved, and he received the premium:

Blessed be the Sabbath day,  
And curse be warlike self;  
Tuesday must now begin the week,  
For Monday's hanged himself.

A person who, under reading these lines, perceived that the cobbler supposed Monday to be the first day of the week wrote the following:

What country can the cobbler free,  
That Monday can the week, wot?

Nor Jew nor Christian could he be,

Forsooth he was a Hottentot.

The Rev. William Clarke, Chancellor of Chichester, a hundred years ago produced an impromptu which it would be hard to excel. On the tomb of the Duke of Richmond, in Chichester Cathedral, was an inscription ending with these words:

Hoc est domus ultima.

On reading this inscription, Mr. Clarke wrote the following impromptu:

Did he thus inscribed this wall  
Not read or not believe Saint Paul?

With such a tombstone made of sand,

Another house not made with hands?

Or may we gather from these words?

That house is not a House of Lords?

Horace Walpole, the implacable enemy of Archbishop Secker, wrote an impromptu which produced a general change. The present Primate of all England signs himself “Edward Cantor,” but a hundred years ago “Cant” was the customary abbreviation.

After a quarrel with the Archbishop, Walpole wrote the following:

The Bitch has oft posed us and set us a-scolding.

By signing Will, London, John Sarum, John Roffe.

But the head of the church no expounder will

want.

For his Grace signs his own proper name, Thomas Cant.

Secker got nicknamed “Tom Cant” throughout his diocese in consequence; hence it happened that his successors took to “Cantar.”

Dr. Burney, who wrote the celebrated anagram on Lord Nelson after the victory of the Nile—“Honor est Niilo” (Horatio Nelson) was shortly afterwards on a visit to his lordship. He omitted to provide himself with a mistletoe and boughs, and from his host. As his custom was, he sat down to read before retiring to rest, and was shortly afterwards alarmed by the nightcap catching fire from his candle. He took the remains and returned them to Lord Nelson with the following lines:

Take your nightcap again, my good lord, I desire;

I've not seen it a minute;

What becomes to a Nest, wherever there's fire, is sure to be instantly in it.

When the fair utilitarian and political economist, Harriet Martineau, published her book against marriage, it was sent to Dr. Maginn to review. His critique ran thus:

A book against wedlock, oh! oh!

And written by Miss Martineau!

But this is well known,

She is a woman,

To a handsome young beau,

Just six feet or so—

Fie, fie, Harriet Martineau!

When Lord Palmerston, the Premier, was lying ill with gout, very smart indeed, was composed by a member of his Government, referring to himself and Lord Derby, both being laid up with the malady.

It is to be supposed that the purchaser does not get a fair return for her money for these goods, which are not “less than cost” or “sacrificed,” are generally sold at a small margin of profit, and are quite worth what they cost. They are made to sell cheap, and besides, the retail dealer, by ordering large quantities, is able to buy at “way-down” prices. One of the largest retail houses in New York city has just placed an order for nearly \$20,000 worth of women’s and children’s underwear for an annual January mark-down sale.

Then, as for “bankrupt” and “damaged-by-fire” sales, there is no limit to which they can be and are carried. Why, from a “bankrupt” stock of ten thousand dollars a hundred thousand dollars’ worth of goods can easily be sold! A “bankrupt” sale is like the widow’s cruise of oil, only that it is kept replenished through the ordinary channels of business, and not by any miraculous means. And as for a fire, that has often been the salvation of a retail dealer.

WITTY IMPROMPTU.

Some of the Brilliant Sayings of Swift, Canning and Others.]  
(From the London News.)  
Few people were so fertile in witty impromptus as Dean Swift. He was once invited by a rich miser to dine with a large party, and, on being requested by the host to return thanks at the removal of the cloth, he uttered the following grace:

Thanks for this miracle—this is no less  
than the world in the wilderness;  
Where racing hunger reigned we’ve found re-  
lief.

And sent the world a thing—a piece of beef.  
Herr chilimbers smoke that never smoked before,  
And we’re all eat where we shall eat no more.

Even in the lunacy which darkened the close of his life, he had some intervals of sense when his brilliant wit was as keen as ever. During these intervals his physicians were accustomed to take him out in a carriage for the benefit of fresh air. When they came to the park, Swift remarked a new addition, and, as for a fire, that has often been the salvation of a retail dealer.

Can—I have a word with you in private?” stammered the young man, as he stood at the door of the private office.

“Come in!” replied the head of the firm.

“Now, what is it?”

“You are aware of the fact that I—”

“That you have been with this house for four years. Yes, sir; I am aware of that fact. Want to leave?”

“Oh, no.”

“Didn’t know but you had had a better offer. If so, you can go.”

“Oh, no, it isn’t. Want an increase of salary do you? Well, you won’t get it. We are now paying you all you are worth, and a little more.”

“It isn’t, that, sir.”

“It isn’t? Then what are you driving at?”

“I want your daughter, Molly.”

“Humph! That’s different. Go and take her, and be-hanged to you! I thought you were fishing for a raise of salary.”

New South Wales is about to make some extensive and important experiments by sinking artesian wells. Drought is the great plague of Australia, and the dark spot in its future has been the fear that, owing to the scarcity of water, the land could never support a large population. But, according to the experts, it has now been discovered that there are several rivers flowing under the surface of New South Wales, and if this water, which is “struck” and then stored the whole face and future of Australia will be changed.

No CHRISTMAS and New Year’s table should be without a bottle of Angostura Bitters, the world-renowned appetizer, of exquisite flavor. Beware of counterfeits.

Hope told a flattering tale  
That Joy would soon return.”

## A FAMOUS FIRE-EATER.

Col. Alfred Rhett, Late of South Carolina—His Duel with Col. Calhoun.

[From the Philadelphia Times.]

With the recent death of Colonel Alfred Rhett at Charleston has passed away one of the most picturesque figures associated with the defense of that city against the Federal forces. Personally he was also a most interesting study as an exaggerated specimen of the Southern fire-eater. His fatal duel with Colonel William Ransom Calhoun, a nephew of the great Southern statesman, is a famous page in the dark records of the code of honor.

Graduated at Harvard, Alfred Rhett was the son of the war began, one of the gayest of the fashionable young men of Charleston society. He easily procured an appointment from Governor Pickens to a lieutenant in the Battalion of South Carolina artillery (regulars), subsequently promoted to a regiment and designated as the First South Carolina Artillery. In this capacity he took part in the reduction of Fort Sumter, and it was then that the bitter feud originated which ended in the death of Colonel Calhoun.

Calhoun, then the senior Captain of the battalion, commanded at Fort Moultrie. Rhett was in charge of the battery. During the heat of the bombardment Major Anderson’s flag fell, and Calhoun mistaking the circumstance for a signal of surrender, instantly shouted to the gunners, “Cease firing.” The younger officer violently resented the breach of etiquette in not first communicating the order to himself, and thus began the deadly feud. It is but truth, however, to say that while this circumstance was the occasion, the real cause was found in the subaltern’s most unprofessional impatience of control. It is probable, too, that this disposition was exaggerated by certain “old army” haughty and brusque, with which Calhoun dressed of leather, that its members were the Cuerados. On the fall of Santa Ana the Cuerados took to the road, and were such successful highwaymen that they presently were given because of the lavish ornamentation of silver upon their leather garments, the new nickname of the Plateados. The headquarters of the organization were in the mountain of the Malinche, near Puebla, and its members very diligently worked the highway between the Capital and Vera Cruz. Nor must these highwaymen be classed with ordinary vulgar robbers. The conditions of the country at this period were such that hundreds of men had no choice between starving and stealing, and the Plateados conducted their irregular business in a chivalrous fashion, and frequently manifested a regard for the travelers who fell into their hands quite worthy of the gallant traditions of Sherwood Forest and of Robin Hood.

In Conemore’s time the good thoughts was upon turning the Plateados from road robbers to road guards, and a rather startling proposal was found to work admirably in practice. The corps was organized and still is maintained—being now about 4,000 strong—upon a footing unlike that of any other section of the army. Each man provides his own horse and equipment (excepting his arms), and is paid 10 reals a day, out of which he provides rations for himself and forage for his horse. The men are armed with sabre, carbine and revolver, and have a service uniform of brown linen blouse and trousers, though this is worn less often than the regular ranchero dress of jacket and trousers of soft-dressed brown leather. The dress uniform is the ranchero costume glorified—the leather jacket and trousers loaded down with silver buttons and silver embroidery, and the wide felt hat richly decorated with silver, or even with gold. The mounted men saddle the bridle of the horses are of silver, and frequently silver stirrups match the rider’s heavy silver spurs. On dress-parade the horses wear housings of tooled and embroidered leather, and each man carries at the pommel of his saddle a light horse-hair lantern, and strapped fast to the cantle a crimson blanket. The horses are by far the finest, excepting officers’ mounts, in the service, and are so greatly beloved and so affectionately treated that they seldom get out of condition, for while on review they positively shine. The men are magnificent fellows, despite the joking dare-devils that they were.

THE STRAIN was temporarily relieved by Captain Calhoun going to Virginia with his company equipped as a light battery, while Rhett was promoted to the Captaincy of the second company and stationed at Fort Sumter. In this capacity he exercised a harsh discipline, which made him probably the most thoroughly hated and feared officer at the post.

In the summer of 1862 the feud between Rhett and Calhoun reached its culmination. The battalion had been enlarged to a regiment, and Calhoun as colonel, returned from Virginia to take the command, Rhett was Major. Unhappily the bursting of a canon during a series of experiments, exploded the valuable Lieutenant-Colonel, Waggoner, and Rhett, being next in the line of promotion, was once more brought into immediate relations to his detected senior. The old line of aggression was taken up. On the one side was defiance; on the other, was probably considerable forbearance. At all events such was the opinion of the officers of the regiment, whose sympathy was, with scarcely an exception, with the Colonel. It was well understood—indeed, publicly proclaimed—that Rhett, who was a dead shot with the pistol and in daily practice had no other object in view than of driving his senior to challenge him. On his side, Calhoun steadily declared that his first duty was to the country, and that he would not allow himself to be driven to avenging private insults until the war should be ended.

But so bitter was the general feeling that a splendid old veteran, Colonel Peter C. Gaillard, as a friend of Calhoun, avowed his intention of sending a challenge to Rhett. The Calhounites, however, mailed his restoration to the Confederate War Department, and immediately called out his junior. The result was a foregone conclusion. Rhett had the choice of weapons, and of course named pistols. The two men met at sunrise the following morning, and at the sharp crack of Rhett’s pistol Calhoun fell dying. He was buried from old St. Paul’s, his obsequies attended by a large concourse of citizens and by a numerous body of his regimental officers, over whom his tragic end cast a deep gloom.

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## FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

## NINETY FEET OF SNOWSHEDS TUMBLE IN ON THE DERAILED CARS.

An Accident Near Emigrant Gap Which Delayed Overland Traffic—How It Occurred.

Word was received at the depot yesterday of a serious accident on the line of the Central Pacific Railroad at a point known as Yuba Pass, which is about half way between Emigrant Gap and Cisco.

Freight train No. 8, west bound, was passing through the snowsheds at the point mentioned at about 6 A. M. at ordinary speed. The sheds were burdened with the weight of nine feet of snow, and in many places much more. The train consisted of seventeen cars and was drawn by two engines. When within three hundred yards of the switch and side-track at Yuba Pass twelve of the cars jumped the track and struck heavily against the sheds.

With a deafening roar and crash nine feet of sheds came down upon the ditched cars, completely crushing them.

The engines and the five cars immediately behind them did not leave the track nor were they damaged to any great extent by the falling snowsheds. The derailed cars were badly smashed and disfigured.

A wrecking train was sent immediately to the scene of the disaster from Truckee, and the work of clearing up the wrecks was set to work clearing the tracks.

The east-bound first-class overland train which left this city Wednesday night at midnight arrived soon after the accident, but of course could not pass over until the track was cleared.

The broken sheds had to be first removed from the wreckage before anything could be done. Then, when the work was finished, shovels were set to work and in a few hours had removed the hundreds of tons of snow under which the cars were buried. Then the wrecking crew was set to work to replace the derailed cars. This proved to be a less difficult task than had been anticipated, as the cars had "tumbled gracefully," as the men said.

At the expiration of eleven hours from the time of the accident the road was in good condition again, and the East-bound train passed through. The wrecked freight train was patched up as well as possible under the circumstances and started for this city, arriving here last night.

On Friday morning the train left for the scene of the wreck in its special car shortly after noon, and personally supervised the track-clearing operations.

One of the brakemen who accompanied the wrecked train explained to a reporter last night how the cars came to jump the track. "In order to insure safe traveling," said he, "the railroad must be free from snow, and we were compelled to stop the train on the track in the mountains to see that it is clear. When snow gets on the track the first train over it flattens it out and packs it. Then it freezes into ice and stands up on the track as solid and immovable as though it were part of it. The next train along is slowed down, and so has to ease off sliding off the track when it strikes this ice. That is how this accident happened, exactly."

## SOME DEFINITIONS,

As Given by Applicants at the Teachers' Examination.

Annesty—A kingdom; the territory of a Prince; honesty; a convention; friend-ship, or else enmity; hatred.

Indigent—Mean; unlike; careless; native to a country.

Bland—to make strong; pure; new; without meaning; abrupt; blank; demoralization. [See gave no definition for the word.]

Plagiarism—Sarcasm; a sin. Apocryphal—Civility; that which is under the Pope.

Emancipation—to make an example of; to put apart; prominent; to raise in rank.

Cylindrical—Having the form of a cylinder; round; witty, but having a sting behind; intricate.

Intuitive—not tutile; not capable of deducing.

Mentor—one who mentors with clement; the chin of an insect.

Bivouac—A kind; magnitude and splendor.

Cogent—Kind; clinging; careful; a factor; one who assists another; pertaining to a code.

Mitigate—to travel; to examine; to prosecute a claim; to find guilty.

Postscript—to begin; with feeling; an afterthought; judgment; the end of an afterthought.

Deshalibate—Relating to law.

Longevity—Mirthfulness.

M. C.—Meeting of Congress.

F. S.—Freight river steamer.

The following words italicized were to be used in sentences:

"This is a pluvial man."

"He will contraband the boy."

"He was met by a contraband of soldiers."

"He made a pluvial expression."

"Some birds, as the peacock, are noted for their pluvial ornaments."

"Pluvial means the feathers of the tail."

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE.

How Joe Poehim and His Workmen Enjoy Their Christmas.

The San Francisco Chronicle gives the following account of a pleasing incident of the Christmas time: "Joe Poehim wore a happy smile yesterday. His Christmas had been a merry one, and one of its most delightful features had been the presentation to him by his regular employees of an elegant diamond ring as a token of appreciation of the kind and liberal manner in which they had been treated during the year. Dr. Reynolds, the head bookkeeper, made the presentation, and so said that the employee took advantage of the day to testify the respect and affection they bore their employer. Mr. Poehim made a fitting response, expressing the great pleasure he felt the evidence of regard showed him. He afterward presented Mr. Reynolds with a beautiful gold watch chain of the bookkeeper's fellow workers, and remembered John Artington, with a handsome gold-quartz match-box."

Chinese Mission Entertainment.

A Christmas entertainment was held at the Congregational Chinese Mission on I street last evening, at which a large number of American people were present. The programme consisted of singing, recitations and readings by the Chinese pupils, and an address by Rev. Mr. Merrill, which was interpreted to the Chinese by the mission helper. The singing by the pupils was excellent, and the reading of the drama "Addie Hinkson," counsel for the creditors, made no objection to the hearing of the motion. The matter was submitted and taken under advisement.

Work for the Courts.

District Attorney Bruner yesterday filed in Department One of the Superior Court informations in the following cases:

Joe Kelly, grand larceny, in stealing \$200, the property of William Montuda.

James English and John Wolke burglar, in entering the store of N. Stein and stealing several pistols and other articles.

John Colquitt, grand larceny, in pocketing \$1000.

The Directors of the Capital Clothing Company, in the sale of stock to Louis Townsend a price, on Thanksgiving day, during the dedication exercises at Pythian Castle.

Chosen Friends' Election.

On Thursday evening Friendship Council, No. 65, O. C. F., elected officers as follows: Past Councillor, C. C. Olney; Councillor, E. R. Tiel; Vice-Councillor, Mrs. A. M. Tiel; Secretary, F. H. Kiefer; Treasurer, John Watt; Prelate, Miss Henrietta Haines; Warden, E. R. Stirling; Marshal, J. J. Sturz; Secretary, Miss Lillian Jones; Trustee, Miss G. D. Jurgens; Planter, Miss Bertha Reeb; Medical Examiner, G. B. Clow; Trustees, C. C. Olney, J. J. Nagle, F. H. Schardan; Representatives to Grand Council, F. H. Kiefer and John Watt; Alternates, E. R. Tiel and C. C. Olney.

Lain vs. Tyrrell.

In Judge Van Fleet's Court yesterday the arguments on the motion of defendant for a new trial were continued one week. It will be remembered that the Court some months ago decided that Dr. Laine was entitled to the seat in the State Board of Health occupied by Dr. Tyrrell.

## DROWNED ON CHRISTMAS.

John Zgraggen, a Wood-Chopper, Falls Into the Pitless River.

Christmas brought woe instead of gladness to the little home of John Zgraggen, located about six miles north of this city on the east bank of the river.

Mr. Zgraggen has earned a livelihood for himself, his wife and child by chopping wood for many years past. On Christmas night, while the evening meal was being prepared, the father started for his brother's house, about a quarter of a mile distant, to get some wood. The weather was cold and the air crisp and cold, so Mr. Zgraggen thought a pull up the river in his boat would serve to warm him up and at the same augment his appetite for the Christmas meal.

Half an hour passed and then an hour, yet the father did not return, and a younger son and a child grieved greatly. Another half hour and a half passed—their mother, now alone, was still waiting in the mind of the home but that something had befallen him. The brother's house was soon reached and information soon gained that the father had never reached there. A searching party was quickly organized, but its efforts were to no avail.

On the next day, yesterday, the search was resumed. Both sides of the river were thoroughly searched above and below the house.

Finally, as the searchers were about to give up in despair, they espied the little boat floating indolently and slowly down the river. The boat was the property of the unfortunate wood-chopper who embarked. One ear lay in the bottom of the boat and the other was missing. In the boat, also, was the milk-can which he had failed to swim and was drowned.

The body was not yet found, though a diligent search is being made for it.

Zgraggen was a native of Switzerland, aged 33 years. His sudden taking away leaves the wife and child helpless.

## NOT STRICTLY ONE PRICE.

The Uncertainty of Correctly Guessing at Lawyers' Fees.

It has always been a difficult matter for persons trained in ordinary business methods to guess the value of attorneys' fees, as there seems to be no definite rule for arriving at any solution of the problem. Even lawyers themselves frequently prove to be very poor guessers in such cases. Some years ago a then prominent attorney (now dead) was engaged in probate case, in which the estate amounted to \$100,000. He demanded a fee of \$1,000 for his services, claiming that ten per cent. of the sum involved was what an attorney should receive. It was refused by his client, and he then sued to recover it.

Judge Van Fleet occupied the bench and the seat at the spot where the accident occurred.

The story was a simple one. Zgraggen had rowed a short distance and in the dark had run aground on a rock in the river. Dropping one ear in the bottom of the boat he used the other to push the boat away from the obstacle. The ear either broke or slipped and the wood-chopper was precipitated into the river. He could not swim and was drowned.

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## CHRISTMAS PRIZE SERVICE.

The programme for the Christmas praise service of the First Unitarian Society, at Python Hall to-morrow evening, will be as follows: Voluntary, orchestra; quartet; "Nativity" (H. R. Shelly); Scripture; quartet; "See Now the Altar Garlanded with Flowers"; prayer; quartet, "Christmas" (H. R. Shelley); tenor solo, "Bethlehem" (Gwendolyn Terry); quartet, "Joyful Joyful" (Alma); hymn No. 24, "Come Upon the Midnight Clear"; soprano solo, "Father, Source of Help Divine" (Schubert), with flute obligato accompaniment; benediction. The choir is composed of Miss Emma Feltier, soprano; Miss Hatlie Wheat, contralto; Richard C. Tenor; George Franz, bass; and Misses Alice Murphy and Charles Thompson, seven specimens of the traveling tramp, in the dock, charged with vagrancy. For some time past the fops belonging to the railroad company and piled up along the B-street levee, from Sixteenth to Thirty-first, have been disappearing at a remarkable quick rate. The tramps were suspected of being the robbers for some time, but the police have since caught canning in the bush in that vicinity by the officers and brought in. All of them stated that they came here with money, and the Court, recognizing that a case could not be made out, discharged them with the warning to hereafter use something besides railroad ties with which to make their fires.

## AMONGMENT.

A good audience assembled last night at the Metropolitan Theater to witness the presentation of the play, "Hans, the Boatman." It is by Clay M. Greene, the California dramatist. It by no means has the dramatic character and taint of the rest of Mr. Greene's productions. As a love story, however, it is a very pretty conception; its tender passages and its pathetic scenes are very touching, and the comedy element in it is a wild and very pleasant order. The audience in the matinée passages is kept in a merry mood by the antics of the boatmen, and the sailors introduce the right appears to be completed prostrate, the dramatist has done his best work. On the whole, it is a "taking" play, is well plotted and clutchy, and deals with the better emotions. Mr. Charles Arnold in the title role is thoroughly good. In the character of Hans, the boatman, Mr. Greene has given a picture of a man of the world, who is a scoundrel, but is a good man, and the character of the boatmen is a good one, and all the other characters are made to revolve about it, there is a strong individuality in each. The play is well written, and the author has done his best to make it charming. He sings well, reads with pathetic strength and has a fund of natural humor that even the art of the actor cannot disguise. His part is a good one, and while all the other characters are made to revolve about it, there is a strong individuality in each. The play is well written, and the author has done his best to make it charming. He sings well, reads with pathetic strength and has a fund of natural humor that even the art of the actor cannot disguise. His part is a good one, and while all the other characters are made to revolve about it, there is a strong individuality in each. 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## IN FOREIGN LANDS.

English and American Cruisers Hovering About Portugal.

## PROPOSED SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

Mexican Finance—Ravages of the Influenza in France—The Government of India.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.)

## BRAZILIAN REPUBLIC.

Why Dom Pedro was Deprived of His Civil List and Subsidy.

WASHINGTON, December 27th.—The Brazilian Minister has received a cablegram from Barros, the Minister of Finance, dated Rio Janeiro, December 27th, saying in part that ex-President Ouro Preto had been dismissed from his post by the Emperor on the part of his followers. The Imperial family, because they changed their attitude from acquiescence to encouragement of the pretensions of reaction, were deprived of their civil list and subsidy. The Emperor, under the advice of disastrous counsellors, took this arbitrary aid, because it was an act of revolution, but it was a civil list at his right based upon law. In view of this denial of the legitimacy of the revolution, which has been sanctioned by the whole country, our measure cutting off the civil list and the subsidy was an act of common sense.

These measures have been general orders. We shall continue to respect all rights, maintain tribunals, organize an administration, observe all contracts and keep up the budget, but any attempt against public order will be repressed with implacable severity. Commercial agriculture and the working classes can appeal to us to assist them in their struggle and over the Constitutional Convention the Republic in tact. Those who believe that this Convention is called to decide between the Republic and monarchy are mistaken. A monarchy is out of the question. The European press should not be misled by news-reporters, whose machinations are here objects either of amusement or destruction. These mistakes of the press foment here schemes of disturbance, but the dilemma now is simply the Republic or anarchy.

## MAJOR PINTO.

He Has Inherited the Displeasure of All England.

LONDON, December 27th.—It is reported that the Government is determined to refuse to discuss the African question with Portugal until Major Pinto is recalled from service in Africa for his insult to the British flag. The Portuguese Ambassador has hastened back to the places where British flags were seized, and carried the latter away. If Portugal does not reach an amicable settlement soon at England's terms it looks as if there will be serious trouble.

[Major Pinto is the name most often mentioned in connection with the quarrel that exists between England and Portugal with reference to boundaries in Africa. He is an ardent and successful explorer, and enthusiastically devoted to the interests of his own country as against England. Major Pinto was born in 1848, and educated for the Portuguese military service. He fought well in 1868 in the campaign against the rebellious chief Bonga, in the region of the Zambesi. He acquitted himself with distinction on the field of battle, and acquired wide repute as an explorer by ascending the river as far as the Victoria Falls, making many important discoveries on the way and adding to the African continent one side to the other. Upon his return to Portugal Pinto was received by the King, and was made the recipient of many distinguished honors. In November, 1877, he was again sent to Africa by the Portuguese Government. By 1879 he had completed a journey from Beira, on the west coast, to the frontier of the Congo, on the southeastern coast. On the basis of the discoveries of Pinto the Portuguese Government has since 1879 laid claim to a wide tract of African territory, including Mozambique, on the eastern coast, and the Shire river district, in which the Portuguese general Castelo Branco intended to lay the route for a railroad. It was this enterprise which met with resistance from the Makololo natives and led to the recently reported battle between the blacks and the Portuguese forces under Pinto. A portion of the territory claimed by Portugal is also claimed by the British. Hence the dispute about which all the world is talking.]

## ACROSS SIBERIA.

Proposed Railroad from St. Petersburg to the Pacific Ocean.

OTTAWA (Ont.), December 27th.—N. S. K. Ross, president of the Canadian Pacific, and Russian civil engineers, are in this city. They were sent to Canada by the Russian Government to inspect railway construction with a view to building a great railway through Siberia, which, with the waterways, will give Russia complete communication between St. Petersburg and the Pacific ocean. The cost of the Canadian Pacific is a model on account of its great length and of the marked similitude of British Columbia's mountain region and the plains of Manitoba to those of Siberia. They will go to Montreal to obtain further data from Canadian Pacific Railway officials.

## MEXICAN BANKS.

A New Moneyed Institution Reported Falling Through.

CITY OF MEXICO (via Galveston), December 27th.—The new bank, Fomento Constitution, is reported in danger of failing through. The authorized capital was \$25,000,000, about one-fifth being paid in at the start.

The International and Mortgage Bank will open in a few days. The National Bank of Mexico has declared a dividend of 6 per cent. on account of its success. It will probably declare 9 per cent. later on. The London Bank will declare even a better divided account of business transacted during the first year of its operation under the new organization.

## Submarine Torpedo Boats.

LONDON, December 27th.—Several trials of Peral's torpedo boat have been recently made, in addition to the one reported yesterday. The trial took place on Bay of Cadiz. The seagoing cruised for six hours, making a speed of six knots per hour. During all this time there was nothing visible above the surface of the water but the turret. Lieutenant Peral, in addition, descended to the depth of eleven meters, and remained thus submerged for forty minutes. During this time of complete submergence the boat was propelled at the rate of three and a half miles per hour.

## Government of India.

BOMBAY, December 27th.—The native Congress has agreed upon a plan of political organization for India which is to be presented to Parliament. The essential features are that there shall be a popular electoral or representative body formed upon the principle of electors for every million of population. This central body is to be controlled by one formed of selected persons from its own number and an Imperial Council constituted upon a basis of one member for every 5,000,000 of population. Provincial Councils are also proposed. Bradlaugh will frame the bill and introduce it into Parliament.

## The Second Son Action.

LONDON, December 27th.—The British squadron of action has been ordered to rendezvous at Gibraltar, in order to move at once to Lisbon. This is interpreted as indicating that the Government no longer apprehends that the quasi warlike movement will add to the irritation already existing, or stand in the way of a peaceful solution of the troubles.

## The Deadly Influenza.

PARIS, December 27th.—Influenza is spreading rapidly and is very fatal. The number of deaths daily from all causes on Christmas day was 318. For several years past the regular average has been 200 for that day. Fully one-third of the populace is

prostrated. The editor of the *Moniteur Universel* and three soldiers died to-day.

## India Rubber Trade.

PARIS, December 27th.—The Government of India has issued a circular for short letters, practising upon the historical credibility of a girl pupil and deceiving her by various illusions of a pretended substantial character.

## Nuns Imprisoned.

MUNICH, December 27th.—Three Franciscan nuns at Dachau, near this city, were imprisoned for short letters, practising upon the historical credibility of a girl pupil and deceiving her by various illusions of a pretended substantial character.

## European Protestants.

LONDON, December 27th.—Portugal, Germany and Italy will shortly send a collective note to the Provisional Government of Brazil protesting against the Government's scheme in regard to the naturalization of foreigners residing in Brazil.

## Impudent Vessel.

LONDON, December 27th.—The Chicago, the flagship of the American squadron here, was to-day visited and inspected by her admiral, "Moresco," the name of Paul Eyrard and the third by the author of "Paul Knox, Pitman." Each one of these serials is admirably illustrated. There are short stories of excellent quality. In the descriptive articles there are "The Artistic Aspects of Railways," "American Farming for Women," illustrated by Delphine Smith; "Letters from the North," "Forth Bridge," which is the North British Railway Company have undertaken to build across the Firth of Forth. There are a batch of receipts for making "Delicacies for the Winter Tea Table," and a word with the "Family Doctor." There are also fashion letters from London and Paris, and a "Gatherer" filled with practical information.

## Don Carlos.

LISBON, December 27th.—The Pope conveys Don Carlos on his accession by an autograph letter.

## Emin Has a Relapse.

ZANZIBAR, December 27th.—Emin Pasha had a relapse, and great anxiety is felt.

## VALUABLE EMBLEMS.

The Sultan Makes Costly Presents, but Has a String Attachment.

WASHINGTON, December 27th.—The National Museum has been temporarily enriched by the kindness of Mrs. Samuel Cox, widow of the popular diplomat and Democratic statesman. In one of the cases near the Grant collection are now displayed beautiful specimens of the insignia which accompany the honors conferred by the Sultan of Turkey. Of these are the jeweled sword, scabbard, and belt of the Sultan, and the Sultan's autograph engraved upon gold and enamel. On the golden plate is the Sultan's autograph engraved, while around the enamel in the margin is a Turkish inscription.

Extremely distinct is the decoration intended to be worn on the breast. It is a seven-pointed star, more than three inches across, beaded with diamonds of gold, silver and enamel. Between each of the points of the great star are crescent stars, also of silver.

Equally interesting and decidedly more valuable in a strict sense are the decorations along side of these which were presented to Cox by the Sultan. They include a sword, scabbard, and belt of gold and enamel. On the central golden plate is the Sultan's autograph engraved, while around the enamel in the margin is a Turkish inscription.

The "Atlanic Monthly" for January has these contents: "God in the Constitution" by Col. Robert G. Ingersoll; "Spots on the Sun" by Dion Boucicault; "The Original Blue-Beard" by Louis Fréchet; "Nationalism" by Laurence Gronlund; "Evolution in Spiritual Ideas" by Francis A. Doughty; "The Crime of Capital Punishment" by H. O. Alderson; "Socialism" by John Ransom Brisbane; "The Quest of Mr. Teasby" by Samuel Orne Jewett; "Sonnet" by David V. M. Burn; "The Begum's Daughter" by Edwin Lassetter Byner; "Mens Sana" by Edith M. Thomas; "Over the Teacups" by Oliver Wendell Holmes; "Recent American Fiction;" "The Government of Switzerland;" "The Contributors' Club;" and the other regular departments.

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The "Saturnian" for December (Dr. A. M. Bell, New York) includes many health reports, reviews and selected miscellanies, these special papers: "International Comity in State Medicine" John B. Hamilton, M. D., L. D. Surgeon General U. S. Marine Hospital Service; "Our Clothes," Lucy M. Hall, M. D.; "Relation of the Dwellings of the Poor to Infant Mortality," by Dr. J. C. Pease; "Socialism," by John Ransom Brisbane; "The Ideal Disposition of the Dead," Rev. C. R. Treat; "San Jones on the Faith Cure;" "Physiological Conditions and Sanitary Requirements of School Life and School-houses," A. N. Bell, A. M. M. D.

"The Church at Home and Abroad" (Puritan Board of Publication, Philadelphia) is at hand for January. There are sixteen original papers by prominent clerical writers and laymen on topics of especial interest to churchmen. There are several illustrations, the chief ones relating to Health, Miss Juliet Carson; "Nestle's Milk Food;" "Sanitary Entomology;" "The Ideal Disposition of the Dead," Rev. C. R. Treat; "San Jones on the Faith Cure;" "Physiological Conditions and Sanitary Requirements of School Life and School-houses," A. N. Bell, A. M. M. D.

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The "City Argus" San Francisco, has issued a large number of full-page lithographs of prominent men of the State; a double-page cartoon in honor of Governor Stanford, and representing him as receiving the congratulations of the people for his election; a supplement sheet giving a bird's-eye view of San Francisco, with the portraits of many prominent citizens on the broad margin and a supplemental sheet in colors giving a view of the Hotel Del Monte, and a supplemental sheet illustrating the Vina County, with scenes in various parts of the vineyard, stock grounds, etc. There are seventy-eight pages in the issue, and on many of them are wood-cuts presenting views of California and other scenes.

"Cassell's Family Magazine" that ushers in the new year is a fine number. The opening chapters of three serials are given in full-page illustrations. The first is "The Artistic Aspects of Railways," "American Farming for Women," illustrated by Delphine Smith; "Letters from the North," "Forth Bridge," which is the North British Railway Company have undertaken to build across the Firth of Forth. There are a batch of receipts for making "Delicacies for the Winter Tea Table," and a word with the "Family Doctor." There are also fashion letters from London and Paris, and a "Gatherer" filled with practical information.

The hospitals of Vienna are crowded with patients suffering from the influenza, accompanied by inflammation of the lungs, pleurisy, and peritonitis. There are over 100 cases in Prague.

For some days past there have been a few sporadic cases of influenza at Komips, but the disease is now become epidemic, and some of the cases are of the most serious character.

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